Ampicillin at Rs. 1450/- per kg. in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of formulations based on Ampicillin are sold at a price of Rs. 2080/- per kg.

(c) when was the cost of the drug studied by BICP and what price of Ampicillin was recommended; and

(d) what steps have been taken to make the finished medicinies based on this drug available at fair prices;

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) 6 APA is a drug intermediate and is not price controlled. Reports of sale of Ampicillin at a price less than the notified price have been received.

(b) Ceiling leader prices of formulations are based on the notified price of Ampicillin plus incidentals whereas non-ceiling prices are based on the notified price or the market price whichever is lower.

(c) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices is yet to send its findings on the fair price of this drug after the promulgation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(d) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices have been asked to make available its findings on the fair price of this bulk drug and the formulations based thereon within three months.

Production stage of Chlorpromazine

345. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1638 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the stage from which M/s. May and Baker is producing Chlorpromazine;

(b) what is the source from which they are importing the intermediate and what is the quantity imperted during the last three years, year-wise and what was the CIF price and landed cost of each imported consignment;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import content per Kg of the drug is more than the CIF import price of the drug if so, what is the import content per Kg; and

(d) what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) Information will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Complaints against officers

346. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have received specific complaints about corrupt practices including short assessment of liabilities and favour to few drug companies by exempting their products from price control;

(b) if so, what is the number of complaints received against each bureaucrat upto 15th April, 1990;

(c) what are the names of such bureaucrats and charges levelled in each complaint;

(d) what action has been taken on each complaint;

(e) details of complaints which have been investigated;

(f) whether it is also a fact that certain officers have got their close relations employed in certain drug companies, and

(g) if so, the names of such officers, names of relations of each and the name of the company, which have come to the notice of his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) A number of letters have been received from Members of Parliament alleging that the assessment of the liabilities by the officers entrusted with the task, has not been made correctly and certain drugs were wrongly excluded from price control by the Kelkar Committee. The liabilities are being reassessed and as regards anomalies in inclusion/exclusion of drugs in DPCO, 1987 a Standing Committee is already examining the cases.

(e) to (g) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Introductory Course of Ayurveda

347. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government' attention has been drawn a report which appeared in the Statesman of the 9th April, 1990 to the effect that the Soviet Health Ministry has decided to host an 'Introductory Course of Ayurveda for 1000 Soviet doctors;

(b) what are the names of other countries where similar programmes have been held or are proposed to be held and for how many doctors in each case;

(c) what is the outline and important contents of this course; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government for boosting the spread of Ayurvedic knowledge in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contracts by Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

348. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. has given contracts to Rasayani Employees Engineering Concern during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, yearwise;

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to allow a public sector organisation to give contracts to its own employees union; and

(d) if not, what action is being taken against the management of HOC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) M.s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOC) have awarded the following contracts to the Rasayani Employees